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SUBJECT: ITALY MONITORING IRAN-VENEZUELA RELATIONSHIP

REF: A. STATE 61378

[1](#)B. STATE 61222

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor David D. Pearce for reasons
1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Poloffs conveyed Ref A points to MFA Gulf Countries Acting Office Director Lorenzo Klutzer May 10 and MFA South Africa Acting Office Director Paolo Campanini May 23, emphasizing U.S. concerns about implications of the growing Iran-Venezuela alliance for terrorism and proliferation activities. Campanini noted that his office had been following the same events, and that it was helpful to see the various aspects of the Iran-Venezuela relationship laid out together. Italy shared U.S. concerns, especially regarding the potential to facilitate terrorist activity based on this partnership. Campanini said the GOI would continue to follow the issue carefully. Klutzer promised to convey U.S. concerns to the MFA's NEA A/S equivalent.

[1](#)2. (C) Poloffs delivered Ref B points to Klutzer May 10 and to MFA UN Office Director Leonardo Bencini May 9. Bencini and Klutzer took the points under advisement, but offered no substantive comment.
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